

Monkfish Trip Limits Under Year - 4 Default Measures



Effective May 1, 2002, the directed monkfish fishery is closed and monkfish days-at-sea (DAS) are reduced to zero. The following monkfish trip limits will be in effect until further notice from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Monkfish Trip Limits for Vessels with a Limited Access Monkfish Permit when Fishing under a Multispecies DAS

Permit Category	Area*	Gear**	Trip Limit per/DAS***
C and D	NFMA	All Gear	300 lb tail-weight, or 25% of total weight of fish on board, whichever is less
C and D	SFMA	Trawl Gear	300 lb tail-weight, or 25% of total weight of fish on board, whichever is less
C and D	SFMA	Non-Trawl Gear	50 lb tail-weight, or 25% of total weight of fish on board, whichever is less

* Northern Fishery Management Area (NFMA) and Southern Fishery Management Area (SFMA) as defined in §648.91

** Dredge gear is prohibited when fishing under a multispecies DAS

*** Or the whole-weight equivalent (tail-weight x 3.32)

Monkfish Trip Limits for Vessels with a Limited Access Monkfish Permit when Fishing under a Scallop DAS

Permit Category	Area	Gear*	Trip Limit per/DAS*
C and D	NFMA and SFMA	Dredge or Net Exemption	200 lb tail-weight

* Or the whole-weight equivalent (tail-weight x 3.32)

Monkfish Trip Limits for Vessels with a Limited Access Monkfish Permit when Not Fishing under a Multispecies or Scallop DAS

Permit Category	Gear	Trip Limit*
A, B, C or D	Large Mesh (≥ regulated multispecies mesh size)	Up to 5% (whole or tail) of total weight of fish on board/trip
A, B, C or D	Small Mesh (< regulated multispecies mesh size)	50 lb tail-weight/trip

A, B, C or D (vessel \leq 30 feet)	All Gear	50 lb tail-weight/trip
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* Or the whole-weight equivalent (tail-weight x 3.32)

Monkfish Trip Limits for Vessels with an Open Access Monkfish Category E Permit (Incidental Permit) when Fishing under a Multispecies DAS

Permit Category	Area	Gear*	Trip Limit per/DAS**
E	NFMA	All Gear	300 lb tail-weight, or 25% of total weight of fish on board, whichever is less
E	SFMA	All Gear	50 lb tail-weight

* Dredge gear is prohibited when fishing under a multispecies DAS

** Or the whole-weight equivalent (tail-weight x 3.32)

Monkfish Trip Limits for Vessels with an Open Access Monkfish Category E Permit (Incidental Permit) when Fishing under a Scallop DAS

Permit Category	Area	Gear	Trip Limit per/DAS*
E	NFMA and SFMA	Dredge	200 lb tail-weight

* Or the whole-weight equivalent (tail-weight x 3.32)

Monkfish Trip Limits for Vessels with an Open Access Monkfish Category E Permit (Incidental Permit) when Not Fishing under a Multispecies or Scallop DAS

Permit Category	Area	Gear	Trip Limit*
E	NFMA and SFMA	Large Mesh (\geq regulated multispecies mesh size)	Up to 5% (whole or tail) of total weight of fish on board/trip
E	NFMA and SFMA	Small Mesh (< regulated multispecies mesh size)	50 lb tail-weight/trip
E	NFMA and SFMA	Handgear (Rod & Reel or Handline)	50 lb tail-weight/trip
E (vessel with multis LA permit and \leq 30 feet)	NFMA and SFMA	All Gear	50 lb tail-weight/trip

* Or the whole-weight equivalent (tail-weight x 3.32)

Monkfish Liver Limits

A vessel authorized to land monkfish may possess or land monkfish livers up to 25 percent of the tail-weight of monkfish on board, or up to 10 percent of the whole weight of monkfish on board, per trip.